

H. Res. 960

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

February 13, 2008.

Whereas on February 3, 2008, in Glendale, Arizona, the New York Giants achieved the improbable and upset the previously undefeated New England Patriots by a score of 17 to 14 in Super Bowl XLII to win the National Football League (NFL) Championship;

Whereas during the 2007–2008 post season, the Giants were the epitome of determination, fortitude, and resiliency as they made their way through the playoffs and ultimately triumphed over the previously undefeated New England Patriots, who were favored by 12 points to win the championship game;

Whereas quarterback Elisha Nelson “Eli” Manning, who had 19 completions for 255 yards and 2 touchdowns, was selected as the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XLII;

Whereas the New York Giants’ win over the New England Patriots was the most-watched Super Bowl ever, with 97,500,000 viewers, making it the second most viewed American broadcast in television history;

Whereas the Giants achieved one of the most remarkable feats in sports history by winning an NFL record-breaking 11 straight road games, granting them the title of “Road Warriors”, and in the process became only the

second team in NFL history to win 3 playoff games and the Super Bowl away from their home field;

Whereas in each round of the playoffs, when none of the experts thought they had a chance to win, the Giants and their loyal, dedicated, and passionate fans believed they could accomplish what others declared impossible;

Whereas Tom Coughlin, in his fourth season as head coach of the Giants, has gone to the playoffs for 3 straight seasons, and this season lead his team, with the help of Defensive Coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, Offensive Coordinator Kevin Gilbride, and the entire Giants coaching staff, to Super Bowl XLII and brought the Vince Lombardi Trophy back to the Meadowlands;

Whereas the New York Giants organization is one of the most successful in NFL history, boasting 15 Hall of Fame players, appearing in 26 postseasons, winning more than 600 games, 16 NFL divisional championships, and 7 NFL championships, including remarkable title runs in 1987, 1991, and 2008 (Super Bowls XXI, XXV, and XLII) that captivated New York and New Jersey;

Whereas Giants owner and Chief Executive Officer John Mara and Executive Vice President Steve Tisch have done a remarkable job leading this storied franchise with the assistance and dedication of their talented staff;

Whereas the New York Giants have played all their home games in the Meadowlands Sports Complex, located in East Rutherford, New Jersey, since 1976 and have supported Bergen County and the northern New Jersey and New York areas with community outreach projects; and

Whereas the entire Giants franchise has become a model of professionalism, teamwork, and community service in rep-

representing the entire New York and New Jersey metropolitan area: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII and completing one of the most impressive seasons in professional sports history.

Attest:

Clerk.